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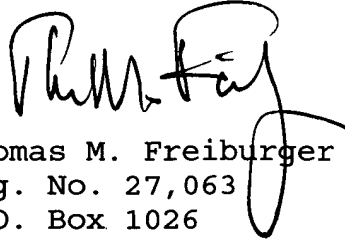
The applicant requests an immediate notice of allowance in this application.

Delays and costs to the client caused by the original examiner in this application, Ms. Odland, have been extensive and unconscionable. The applicant should not have had to appeal in this case; the original examiner was clearly mistaken in her rejection with its faulty logic and misreading of prior art.

Now, as expected, the applicant has prevailed on all issues on appeal, as summarized in the Board of Appeals decision mailed

June 27, 2006, and still the notice of allowance has not been received, over three months later. The attorney submits that the notice of allowance is overdue and requests its issuance as quickly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas M. Freiburger", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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